

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A retractable self rolling ~~blind, awning or~~ cover apparatus, comprising two or more sheets of fabric or other suitable material affixed and wound conjointly about a keyway tube, the keyway tube being fitted with a ~~conventional~~ spring winding mechanism ~~for use with blinds, awnings and the like,~~ the spring winding mechanism being pretensioned so as to cause the sheets of fabric to be rewound about the keyway tube when one or more of the sheets of fabric is released from ~~its~~ its extended or unwound position, and wherein the keyway tube is supported at each end by a wheeled carriage and spring travel along a pre-determined path during unwinding and winding up of the fabric.
2. (currently amended) A retractable self rolling ~~blind, awning or~~ cover apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~the a travel of the keyway tube and spring are assisted by providing the spring end and idler end with wheels is assisted by the carriage, the carriage having wheels in front of and behind the~~ keyway tube with respect to the pre-determined path.
3. (currently amended) A retractable self rolling ~~blind, awning or~~ cover apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the wheels ~~are caused to roll in~~ tracks, and the tracks allow ~~the a~~ free rolling of the wheels and at the same time retaining ~~the~~ tension on the spring winding mechanism during the travel of the keyway tube and spring winding mechanism.
4. (currently amended) A retractable self rolling ~~blind, awning or~~ cover apparatus according to claim 1, wherein: the apparatus is suspended above an area, or below a ceiling, ~~the spring end and idler end are being provided with a pulley wheel unit, which is~~ the carriage being arranged to run on guide support wires to allow the tube to travel in the direction in which the blind is to be rolled and unrolled, but which restrict lateral movement along the axis of the tube, thereby giving support and stability.

5. (currently amended) A retractable self rolling blind, ~~awning or cover~~ apparatus according to claim 4, in which ~~the pulley wheel unit is located on the guide support wire in order to retain the tension on the spring and allow the free rolling of the wheels, and the travel of the keyway tube and spring mechanism~~ a guide support wire runs through each carriage.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A retractable self rolling blind, ~~awning or cover~~ apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein two or more self rolling cover apparatus are coupled together in line to extend ~~the~~ an area which may be covered.

8. (currently amended) A retractable self rolling blind, ~~awning or cover~~ apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~there is provided an awning in which~~ a horizontal ceiling portion panel is formed from one sheet of material, whilst a second sheet forms a vertical wall portion, the keyway tube acting as ~~the~~ a junction of the wall portion and ceiling portion ~~portions~~.

9. (currently amended) A retractable ~~blind, awning or cover~~ apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the self rolling structure apparatus functions as an extendible vertical panel, ~~wheels on the upper and lower ends of the self rolling apparatus~~ the carriages being held in tracks and aligned for lateral travel.